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Date: 8 May 2008

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Dear Granton

Dale Farm Housing Association

I have had no further contact from you since my e mail. As you say the decision will be published on 9 May and you need to discuss that with Sarah as soon as you read it.

I now enclose copies of letters written on your behalf today for your information. I am now firmly of the view that we should withdraw at this stage and therefore we need to discuss

I will have my mobile with me in Germany if you want to give me a ring.



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Dear Sirs

Dale Farm Housing Association Site Terminus Drive, Pitsea, Basildon

We refer to various e mails between us and Basildon Council. We are both very concerned that the logic and interest to justice is being overridden by procedural rules.

We, as a firm who do many Gypsy cases, appreciate that very often it is important that appeals are dealt with fairly quickly, particularly because there is either an urgent need for the Gypsy to move onto the land as they are homeless, or alternatively that the there has to be urgent clarification as to their rights to otherwise remain on the land.

This is a particularly unique case in that the Dale Farm Housing Association is seeking permission for a piece of land to enable a number of the occupiers of Dale Farm to occupy the land at Pitsea, if and when they are evicted from their present plot.

We have taken some time to try to explain to you that the need for them to move depends very much on the decision of an application for Judicial Review and that decision is due to be published on 9 May 2008 and there is clearly no doubt that the effect of that decision as such would have a significant affect upon the approach of the inspector.

It would be essential that both parties examine the decision made and its effect and are able to give detailed evidence regarding the total effect on what would be a complicated judgement as well as considering what alternatives may, or not, be available for the occupiers for the future.

The parties have tried to get a convenient date in June/July 2008 without success. They are agreed on the hearing in October 2008 and that would make complete sense and in the interests of natural justice.

We and Basildon Council are agreed that it would be entirely inappropriate for the matter to proceed before October 2008 and we therefore ask you again to review your decision. If you decide to impose a date in July 2008 then obviously we will have to review the matter with Basildon and consider the action which can be taken to make sure that justice is complied with. I trust that this will not be necessary.



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We have seen a copy of the letter to you by Basildon Council on 7 May and we agree with comments.

Yours faithfully

South West Law